

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7149

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Generation Changers Church on the occasion of its twentieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the churches of this nation have been an integral part of our history as a people and have had an unparalleled impact on forming and maintaining a stable and just society; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations that, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such dynamic community of faith is Generation Changers Church, whose members are celebrating the church's twentieth anniversary on September 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Pastor Jerry Smith and his wife, Joyce, answered the call to ministry and moved to Nashville; he was joined by his son, Pastor Barry Smith, and the family went on to seek guidance from God for the church; and

WHEREAS, following a series of divinely directed events, Pastor Smith and his family connected with a few others, and the foundation for Generation Changers Church was thus laid; and

WHEREAS, known as "A House of Grace and Mercy," the guiding principle of Generation Changers Church remains "Christ is our Passion, and People are our Purpose" and continues to reflect the beauty, diversity, and humanity of a congregation joined together by God; and

WHEREAS, for two decades, Generation Changers Church has stood on the rock-solid foundation of Christian belief, service, and love, serving as a bastion of faith and outreach to the people of its community; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the church's faith, leadership, and strength of its members, the church has persevered and continues to expand its kingdom throughout Middle Tennessee; it is truly one of the great religious institutions and catalysts for positive social change in our State and nation, and the members of this exceptional congregation should be appropriately honored for their exemplary service to their fellow Christians and to the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join in the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of Generation Changers Church, thank the good people of its congregation and their ministers for their notable service to their Lord and the State of Tennessee, and wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.